

# FARM LAND INCREASES 90 PER CENT IN DECADE

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Farm property in the United States January 1, 1920, was valued at nearly \$400 million dollars, compared with slightly less than \$100 million dollars April 15, 1910, the census bureau announced recently. To increase in value in ten years is equal to 90 per cent.

Land alone was valued at \$55 billion dollars, compared with \$28 1/2 billion ten years ago; building \$11,430 million, compared with \$6,325 million ten years ago; implements and machinery, \$3,596 million, ten years ago \$1,965 million; live stock, \$7,996 million ten years ago \$4,925 million.

Missouri occupies sixth place among the states according to 1920 census figures with total farm property values at the high figure of \$3,691,000,000. In 1910 the corresponding figure was \$2,053,000,000.

# Oldest Married Couple in County to Celebrate Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. William Boatman, 222 East Monroe street, said to be the oldest living married couple in Audrain and probably in this section of the state, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary, Tuesday, August 9th with a family reunion that was held at the Boatman home to mark the occasion.

The following children of Mr. and Mrs. Boatman are present: James D. Boatman and Mrs. C. C. Cohoon of Oklahoma City, Okla.; William Boatman of Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Edward Johnson of near Santa Fe; Robert Boatman of Louisiana; Mrs. M. S. Carter, Mrs. Hugh Sproul and Roy Boatman of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Boatman were married in Monroe county. They have been living in this city 38 years and for the last 28 years they have been living on the corner of Calhoun and East Monroe streets.

Mr. Boatman will be 84 years old this month. He is still active and with the exception of a few slight attacks of rheumatism he has never been sick. For 58 years he has been a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and he is said to be the oldest member in the state. He has been treasurer of the local lodge for more than 20 years and was recently honored for his long service.

Mr. Boatman has a record of his ancestry for five generations. Families that keep such a record are not plentiful. An Englishman once told him that he knew of only a very few families in the old country that were able to trace their ancestry so far back.

Mrs. Boatman is 79 years old and like her husband is still active. However, her eyesight is slightly impaired and she has been in poor health for several years. Mrs. Boatman is an admirable character and possesses a most pleasing personality.

# "DE DUCKS" GOT ALL THIS FARMER'S MONEY!

DUBUQUE, Ia., Aug. 9.—"De ducks" got all the farmer's money that he received when he sold his corn recently. In trying to explain to a local banker the necessity of a loan to tide him over a lean period, the complexities of market problems, as faced by the farmer now, were succinctly drawn.

"But," said the banker, "I don't understand why you should want to borrow money when you have just shipped your corn. What did you do with the money?"

"De Ducks" got it, replied the farmer.

"What do you mean by 'de ducks'?"

"Well," explained the farmer, "I shipped the car to market and sold it for 52 cents. They de ducks freight, that left 81 cents, de duck one cent commission, that left 80 cents, de duck elevator charges, that left 27 cents; de duck husking, that left 15 cents; de ducks hauling, that left five cents; de duck the hired man's wages from that and you are a darn sight better farmer than I am if you can find anything left."

Miss Zell Neill of Fulton is visiting Mrs. W. J. Offutt.

Mrs. E. A. Dearing is visiting her mother in Chicago.

N. F. Palmer was in Mexico Friday, enroute from his farm in Montgomery County, to Louisiana. Mr. Palmer formerly owned and lived on the Gass farm west of Mexico.

W. W. Van Matre and family are the guests of relatives in Ellsberry, Mrs. Hawthorne accompanied them as far as St. Louis Thursday.

# Three Rural Schools Opened on Monday

Three of the rural schools of the county opened for the fall term on Monday. They are: Sunset School, Miss Hertha Lovelace, teacher; Hurdle School, Miss Vera Dempsey, teacher; and Stauffer School, Miss Mary Belle Coil, teacher. Fifty others will open during the week and the remaining ones in the county will be open by the first week in September.

Superintendent E. C. Offutt, in an announcement issued Thursday suggests that, because of the success of basket dinners on the opening day last year, that schools substitute them for class work on the first day, and thus give all the patrons a chance to become acquainted with the teacher and the school work.

# Births Exceed Deaths By 34 In Year Ending June 30

According to the report of births and deaths in Mexico for the past year, just made public by Wallace Dearing, city clerk, there were only three months during the year ending July 31 that the births exceeded the deaths and one month in which they were equal. The total number of births for the year is 164 and the deaths 130, the births exceeding the deaths by 34.

Following are the figures by months:

Month	Births	Deaths
July 1, 1920 to June 30, 1921.		
July	20	6
August	12	11
September	12	11
October	18	10
November	12	18
December	9	13
1921		
January	17	17
February	13	9
March	7	10
April	12	8
May	11	8
June	21	9
Totals	164	130

# Annual Meeting Of Missionary Society Thursday

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian Church held their annual outdoor meeting on the spacious lawn of Mrs. T. A. Threlkeld Thursday afternoon.

A deeply spiritual and instructive program was conducted by Mrs. H. I. State. The outstanding duty of the afternoon was an illuminating lecture on Tibet, given by Miss Mary V. Houston. Miss Kathryn Haskell, who teaches in Morehead Mountain School of Kentucky, told in a comprehensive way the needs and value of this school. These talks, together with a devotional period led by Mrs. Hugh Sproul, a beautiful solo by Miss Vera Rutter, an inspirational address by the president, Mrs. R. T. Gibbs, made this meeting one of especial significance.

As a beloved member of this organization had recently passed away, a splendid tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. William J. Mason in a memorial service led by Mrs. E. R. Locke. It was well said of this Christian woman that like Paul she had fought a good fight, she had kept the faith, and her reward was sure.

A social hour and picnic lunch closed this profitable meeting.

# REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

City of Mexico to W. J. Winscott, Com. Cons. \$15, W 1/2 of Lot 100 Blk O. Elmwood Cemetery.

Claude G. Joplin to Porter T. Bruce Warr Cons \$10. 200 A in secs 13, 14, 23 al lin 52-10.

Walsh Fire Clay Pro. Co., to Edgar Hamlett et al QCD Cons \$1 Lot 5 Blk 1 Walsh's Add to Vandalia.

F. W. Howell to W. H. Logan, Warr Cons \$1, Lot 7 Blk 5 Moss Add Laddonia.

B. R. Middleton to Continental Bk. Supply Co, Warr Cons \$500 Lot 1 Blk 3 Ladd's Add Mexico.

Elmer G. Feathers to E. E. Vannoy, Warr Cons \$500, Lots 7 and 8 Blk 4 Shotwell's Add.

Tilda L. Thompson to D. M. Jeffries, Warr Cons \$1, Lots 2 Blk 51 Orig. Vandalia.

B. R. McVey to W. H. Logan, Warr Cons \$100, Lot 8 Blk 5 Moss Add to Laddonia.

Joseph B. Slavens to Melville S. Paul, Warr Cons \$300 Lot 72 Grand View Add to Mexico.

J. A. Glandon to Emma Jane McFarland, Warr Cons. \$2500 Lots 10 and 11 and Pt of 12 Blk 1 Woodlawn Place Mexico.

Edward Clare Harding to M. R. Stimpfield Warr Cons \$850, Lots 1, 2 and 3 Blk 5 in Lakennan & Barnes Add Mexico.

Miss Marie Louise Hawthorne and little Miss Elma Lee Hawthorne are visiting their grandparents in Indiana, Mrs. Hawthorne accompanied them as far as St. Louis Thursday.

# BIDS FOR SEPTIC TANK REJECTED SECOND TIME

At a meeting of the city council Monday night bids for the septic tank that the city has hoped to install for some time were rejected again.

The only bidder for the project this time was Henry Rees & Co., of Quincy, Ill., who bid \$26,600. The city engineer's estimate was \$24,700. No date has been set for new action on the proposition.

The city has already issued \$25,000 bonds for the construction of this tank, the bonds having been sold in St. Louis. Besides that the balance in another fund accumulated to pay interest and other costs is \$6,524.

Miss Molly Houston, Mrs. F. H. Parker, Miss Emma Cauthorn and Mrs. J. P. Powell appeared before the council and petitioned them to put a street light at the intersection of Anderson and Calhoun streets. The mayor said that action would be taken.

A motion was passed providing that an ordinance be drawn reducing the license of insurance companies from \$20 to \$15 a year.

The street and alleys committee were empowered to cut weeds on vacant lots and charge the costs to property owners.

A check of the Liberty street protest revealed the fact that sufficient to delay the work and an ordinance providing for the improvement was introduced and given two readings.

An ordinance providing a city tax levy of 44c per \$100 valuation was given two readings.

Balances in the various funds were as follows:

Cemetery fund	\$ 377.96
Light fund	\$5,540.46
Library fund	\$1,543.45
Cemetery fund	\$ 377.96
Vehicle fund	\$ 645.95

Dr. J. W. Millon Visits Mexico. Dr. John W. Millon of Des Moines, Iowa, is here on a short business trip. Dr. and Mrs. Millon are much pleased with their new home, which Mrs. Millon has left for the present to visit her daughter, Margaret, in California.

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**Eliminate Soft Drink Tax (?)**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Elimination of the tax on soft drinks and ice cream and the so-called luxury tax or "sin" tax is understood to have been agreed upon by Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee, meeting in executive session. It also was reported that there had been an agreement to cut in half the 10 per cent tax on sporting goods and materials.

**Boys Pinched For Bumping.**

On several instances lately young boys of Mexico have been taken from trains by local and railroad officers when they were preparing to "bum" up or down the line. Local officials have been lenient with them in every case, but it will be for their own good to have an example made of one or a group before an accident makes it too late.

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# Presbyterians Give Liberally Toward Education

A report just made public by James E. Green, Secretary of the United Educational Campaign Fund of \$500,000, which is being raised by the Presbyterian Church for four schools and colleges, shows that splendid progress has been made toward the goal. \$363,265.29 has already been subscribed.

The money is to go to Westminster Synodical, the School of the Ozarks at Hollister and the Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

In a statement accompanying the report Mr. Green said:

"On account of undefined rumors being circulated that the United Educational Campaign has been a partial failure we wish to publish the actual facts regarding our work and plans up to this time. A summary of the results of the Campaign was submitted to the Administrative Committee meeting in Mexico on July 29th, which is as follows:

Total number of pledges received 1365.

Total subscribed in small sums \$156,265.29 in special drive of three months.

Large gift to Synodical College \$25,000.

Large gift to School of Ozarks, \$30,000.

Legacy to School of Ozarks, \$35,000.

Building for School of Ozarks \$30,000.

Legacy to Westminster College \$12,000.

Special Fund raised by Synodical College mostly in Callaway County last year \$60,000.

Special Fund raised in Campaign for School of Ozarks, in western section of Missouri \$15,000.

Total \$363,265.29.

"We think this a fair showing considering the financial stringency thru which the country has been passing for the year or more during which time this amount has been secured.

"During the month of August the active canvass of the churches has been suspended but some special effort is being made to reach and interest large givers with the hope of securing additional large sums.

"The expense of the campaign is now being kept down to the minimum as regards efficiency, the office work has been fully and completely organized with loose-leaf and card-index system for collections and keeping of the records.

"Considerable gratification was expressed by the members of the Administrative Committee with the results that have been attained, and a determined resolution to press the Campaign until the full goal of a half million dollars is reached."

**WILL TAKE VACATION AFTER SEVENTEEN YEARS ON THE SAME JOB**

J. D. Miller, janitor at the County Court House, has been given a three weeks' vacation after holding his job for 17 years without single lay-off.

On June 1, 1904 he took the place as janitor that he has today and his long period of service seems to be the record for Mexico. During all this time he has had but five days off and that includes 3 Sundays, for Mr. Miller is on duty every day in the week, without exception.

During all his years of service there has never been a time when the coolers were empty in the summer or a pipe has frozen in the winter.

When asked how he would spend his vacation, he said: "Well, I guess I'll just fix up things around the place and help the wife a bit"

T. W. McCune was among those who took the excursion to Chicago for the week-end.

The Rev. George Wharton and family have returned from a visit to Webster Groves.

Rodes Jesse is in Oklahoma on a visit.

# % OF NATION'S TOILERS JOINED JOBLESS IN JULY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 6.—Seven out of fourteen groups of industries showed increased employment during July, but the other half showed decreases, according to the monthly industrial survey of the United States employment service made public Thursday.

The survey indicates that there was a further net decrease of 1.1 per cent in the number of workers on the pay rolls of 1,328 firms in sixty-five industrial centers during the month of July. This means a total net decrease since Jan. 31 of 7.3 per cent.

These firms employed 1,510,210 workers on July 31, as against 1,527,124 on June 30, or a decrease of 16,914. The decrease since Jan. 31 has totaled 117,924.

The industrial groups which show increases in employment are land vehicles, railroad repair shops, leather textiles, lumber, tobacco manufactures, and paper and printing. The largest increase was in the railroad repair shops, where there was a gain of 10.1 per cent.

# SALARIES OF OFFICIALS OF U. S. GRAIN GROWERS HAVE BEEN REDUCED

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 6.—Salary reduction for ten executive officials of the United States Grain Growers, Inc., totaling \$29,700 a year were announced recently. The action followed a request of C. H. Gustafson, president and Frank M. Myers, secretary, W. G. Eckhardt, treasurer, and Clifford Thorne, counsel, that their salaries be lowered to \$10,000 each. Salaries of other officials were reduced proportionately and the pay of directors cut from \$25 to \$20 a day.

Salaries authorized when the company was organized were: President, \$16,000; Secretary, \$12,000; Treasurer, \$15,000; General Counsel, \$15,000.

**Columbia Celebrates Centennial.**

Thirty-five persons practically all of whom have lived in Columbia over fifty years, Saturday night at The Daniel Boone Tavern celebrated the centennial anniversary of the founding of Columbia, August 6, 1821, being the date that this town made its municipal debut on the map of Missouri.—Columbia Tribune.

**Repair Catholic Church.**

St. Brendan's Church on South Clark street is having a new coat of paint put on the inside, a new roof is being placed, and the pews are being re-arranged so that the main aisle will be down the center.

**Maple Grove School Opens.**

Maple Grove Schol, just west of Mexico, was opened Monday, August 8, with a big basket dinner. Miss Grace Meliza is beginning her fourth successful year in that district.

Rev. A. A. Wallace and family motored to Mineola Monday evening for dinner.

J. H. Stewart, of Thompson, who has taken the Ledger for 45 years, was in this office Monday and renewed his subscription. The Ledger appreciates its many subscribers but none more than those who have had the paper in their home almost a half century as in many instances.

Mrs. Monia Edwards, south of town spent Monday with her mother, who is quite sick.

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**Married by Rev. Wallace.**

Artie G. Tucker of Silex and Mrs. Goldie M. Trower of Mexico were married by Rev. A. A. Wallace at the Presbyterian parsonage Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Tucker is a prosperous man of sterling worth in his community and the bride has a host of friends in Mexico.

The Ledger joins friends in extending congratulations to the happy couple.

Mrs. Ivan Ashworth of Moberly is visiting relatives in Mexico.

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